

Thoughts regarding the PAW Consortium

- A) It's become apparent to me that when I agreed to be the administrative agency, I was agreeing to more than the fiscal and reporting agent. The state has made it clear that we are responsible for the provision of services in all three counties. Issues:
 - 1) Liability for Wood County?
 - 2) If one county doesn't want to contract to provide services, could we drop them from the consortium?
 - 3) If one county doesn't participate in the PAW Consortium, the service delivery system will look drastically different.
 - 4) We need an answer as soon as possible.
 - 5) Does PAW provide service in a county even if the county doesn't participate in PAW? Do we have a choice?

- B) We need to think outside the box.
 - 1) PAW doesn't have the resources to continue the status quo.
 - 2) We need to look at shared resources.
 - a) May need to change current structures
 - b) FEP's – caseload per FEP – possibility of having FEP's work in multiple counties.
 - c) FSET – total caseload – perhaps a single provider
 - d) Job Readiness – Look at single provider something like 2/month Marshfield, 2/month Stevens Point, 1/month Adams.
 - e) Other specialized services, i.e. training supported employment – have provide work with clients from all three counties.
 - f) We need to look at how our current systems work and redefine what our staff does and what is contracted for.

- C) Work Groups
 - 1) Financial/Budget/Reporting – Fiscal Manager
 - a) Wood County's Admin costs will be going up – look at ways to decrease cost
 - b) Time studies – use a common method – How will RMS affect this? John Chrest is on RMS workload
 - c) Each county needs a contingency plan for benefits.
 - 2) Performance/Service Delivery/Policies
 - a) Program managers – Karen Rifleman
 - b) Wood County will need PAW staff looking to move Terri Rapp 100%, W-2 currently 60% and use Karen Rifleman
 - c) Develop regular reports in common format
 - d) Look at shared resources

- 3) Contracting – Wood County
 - a) Wood County will bring back a plan based on discussion and PAW input
 - b) PAW's RFP Process – review panel representative from each county
 - c) 1-1-04 – look at maintaining some of our current providers.
 - d) Would like option to extend sub-contracts rather than new PAW RFP
 - e) Grant time period for sub-contracts should be the same as W-2 contract period.
 - f) Option to extend or add to existing sub-contract providers rather than new PAW RFP for new service.
 - g) Start-up costs
 - 1) Terri's time – Karen's time